

Background, Education & Committees:

Dr. Sussman received his orthopaedic training at Johns Hopkins University and completed a pediatric orthopaedic fellowship at the Children's Hospital in Boston. From 1976 to 1992, he was in the Division of Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA, and at the time of his departure was director of the Division of Pediatric Orthopaedics. He moved to Portland, Oregon in 1992 as Chief of the Medical Staff Department and helped develop a variety of programs including designating clinics for children with neuromuscular diseases, a special clinic for children with skeletal dysplasia, as well as insuring continuity of care for patients at the Shriners Hospitals for Children, Portland.

He has been a visiting professor and lectured on these topics throughout the United States, Europe and the Middle East. He has received the Arthur H. Huene award from the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA) in recognition of his outstanding contributions to pediatric orthopaedics and in support of future endeavors. He also was the recipient of the "Gayle Arnold Award" and presented the award lecture at the 2008 American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AAPDM) Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Sussman is a member of numerous medical societies including the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AAPDM), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Pediatric Orthopedic Society of North America (POSNA), and American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS), Scoliosis Research Society (SRS) American Orthopedic Association (AOA) and the European Pediatric Orthopaedic Society (EPOS). He was made an honorary member of the Israeli Orthopaedic Society in 2011. He is on the editorial board of the Journal of Pediatric Orthopedics as well as the Journal of Pediatric Orthopedics B, the European issue. He has written many papers published in academic journals as well as book chapters and has been editor of one book on treatment of cerebral palsy.

Research Interests:

Dr. Sussman has particular interest in children with progressive neuromuscular diseases such as muscular dystrophy, spinal muscular atrophy and cerebral palsy.